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HOUSING, REST, CULTURAL FACILITIES FOR WORKERS;
MAY 1952 BULGARIAN FOOD PRICES

EXPAND FACILITIES -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 20 Dec 52

According to Todor Fraknov, chairman of the Central Council of Trade Unions, 125,719 persons (workers and their families) were housed in new buildings near factories between 1945 and 1951. During the past 9 months this figure increased to 168,048.

Almost 300,000 blue and white-collar workers are being fed in the dining halls of enterprises and establishments.

During 1952, a total of 160,000 workers were on leave in rest homes and over 15,000 were in balneological sanatoriums.

During 1951, a total of 110,000 children and, during 1952, a total of 200,000 children were sent to pioneer and secondary-school [summer] camps.

At present, there are 600 maternity homes with 3,500 beds in Bulgaria.

During 1951, a total of 102 motion-picture theaters were opened in the country, 98 of them in villages. Twenty-three percent more students completed higher educational institutions in 1951 than in 1950. Almost half of the Sofia University students now receive government scholarships.

REFUGEE GIVES FOOD PRICES -- New York, Bulgarski Pregled [A monthly publication of the National Committee for a Free Europe, Inc.], Jul 52

The following list of prices in effect in Burgas after the May 1952 monetary reform was supplied by a Bulgarian refugee who escaped from Burgas in June 1952.

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One kilogram of ham cost 40 leva; one half liter of vermouth, 11.01 leva; one half liter of wine, 7.20 leva; one half liter of cognac, 20.08 liters; one meter of domestic wool cloth, 120-200 leva instead of 68 leva /probably the official price/; one meter of imported wool cloth, 350-380 leva; one leather brief case, 280 leva; one cotton shirt, 80 leva instead of 68 leva; one pair of men's socks, 16 instead of 14 leva; one pair of men's shoes, 300 instead of 240 leva; one pencil, .60 leva; one kilowatt-hour of power, .80 leva; the monthly rent for one furnished room, 24 leva, for two furnished rooms, 48 leva, and for one month's use of a kitchen, 16 leva.

Clothes in Bulgaria are of poor quality. There is a shortage of living quarters, as the government builds only housing projects for workers near new factories.

LIST BREAD PRICES -- Vienna, Interreport-Ost /Anti-Communist/, 18 Feb 53

The following is a list of bread prices per kilogram in Bulgaria: "Sofia" bread, 1.96 leva; "Stara Zagora" bread, 4.80; "Burgas" bread, 2.80; "Dobrudzha" bread, 3.80; "Slavyanka" bread, 5.20; "Kiev" bread, 5.20; and "Leningrad" bread, 11.40. According to various statistical reports, the average price of black bread in Bulgaria is 2.60 leva.

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